



Winter Rules

From Monday 12th October 2020

PREFERRED LIES & PLUGGED BALL

The following Local Rules are to be applied: -

PREFERRED LIES

“A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball he must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other fashion, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

*PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE
Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes

*If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.”

Closely mown area is defined as any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less, but excluding the putting green.

EMBEDDED BALL

“Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must first strike a part of the course through the green.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule (*in other words, plugged ball under a tree/bush - Is not excepted.*)

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